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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 3860

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, UNSC, IS, LE, IV  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IVORY COAST PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL

REF: STATE 98231

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS GOOD LIKELIHOOD GOIC WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO A REQUEST TO SUPPLY SMALL FORCE OF MOBILE GENDARMERIE FOR UNIFIL. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, IVORY COAST HAS NOT PARTICIPATED PREVIOUSLY IN UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, BUT PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET'S PROFOUND CONCERNs ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, AND CLOSE RELATIONS WITH LEBANON SUGGEST SUCH A UN REQUEST WOULD BE GIVEN SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION AT LEAST.

2. IVORIAN GENDARMERIE ARE CAREFULLY RECRUITED AND WELL TRAINED, AND THEIR COMMANDER, GENERAL N'DAW, IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY U.S., FRENCH, AND OTHER MILITARY OFFICIALS ONE PROBLEM MIGHT BE THAT GENDARMERIE HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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IN PROCESS OF EXPANSION. HOWEVER, A SMALL UNIT (50-100) COULD PROBABLY BE DETACHED, AND GENERAL N'DAW WOULD WELCOME TRAINING INVOLVED IN UNIFIL EXPERIENCE.

3. FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL GENDARMERIE WOULD HEIGHTEN ITS ATTRACTION FOR GOIC.  
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